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The final match against the enemies within the Zoo has begun and it's Gear's turn in the ring. What she faces down are her own fears, and a former member of the Zoo Mitsuki. Meanwhile, a powerful band of sorcerers draws ever closer. Will the Zoo be able to survive?

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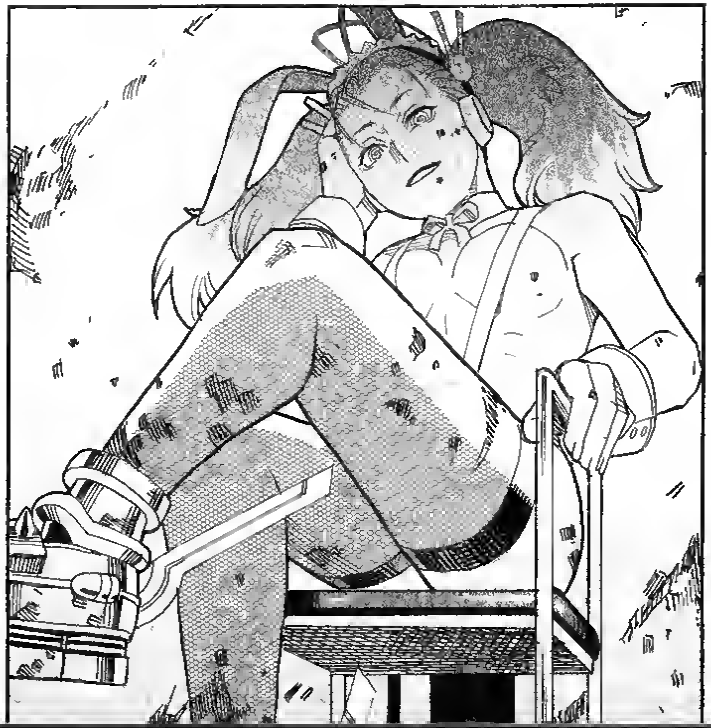

Chapter 20 - Group Encounter #6

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Whatcha doin', Miss Gaur?
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...
It's none of your business
Were you abandoned here cuz Merino doesn't like you anymore?
She used to follow you around with that Sister Dear shtick too
What the heck happened while I was gone?

So you're all alone now, Gaur.
Lize, Mikao, and now Merino all left
Nobody stuck by you, not a single person.
3
Say, Gaur.
How about being a stepfam with me?
...
Who?
...!?
To be honest, seeing how you and Lize got along made me a little jealous
Could I be your new little sister?
We're both loners, so wouldn't it be just perfect?

What are you talking about, that's gross.
You got something wrong with your head?
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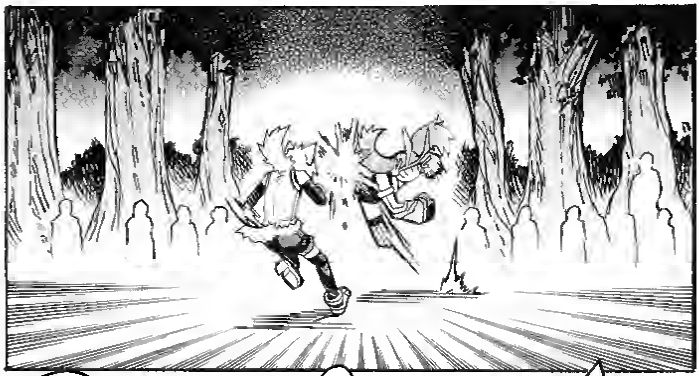

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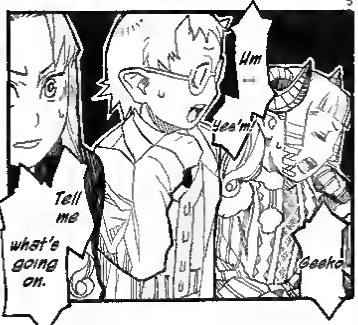
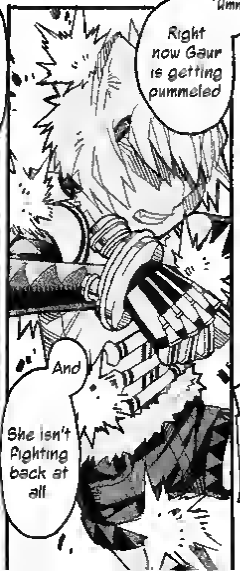
Ah!


Um
yes'm
Tell me what's going on.
Geeko


Hmm
Right now Gaur is getting pummeled
And
She isn't fighting back at all

It seems like he's toying with her
He's dragging it out by not dealing fatal damage
Hmph
Just as I predicted

…
Miss Merino
To think I come out to see
such a worthless spectacle.
What a miserable farce.
Honestly
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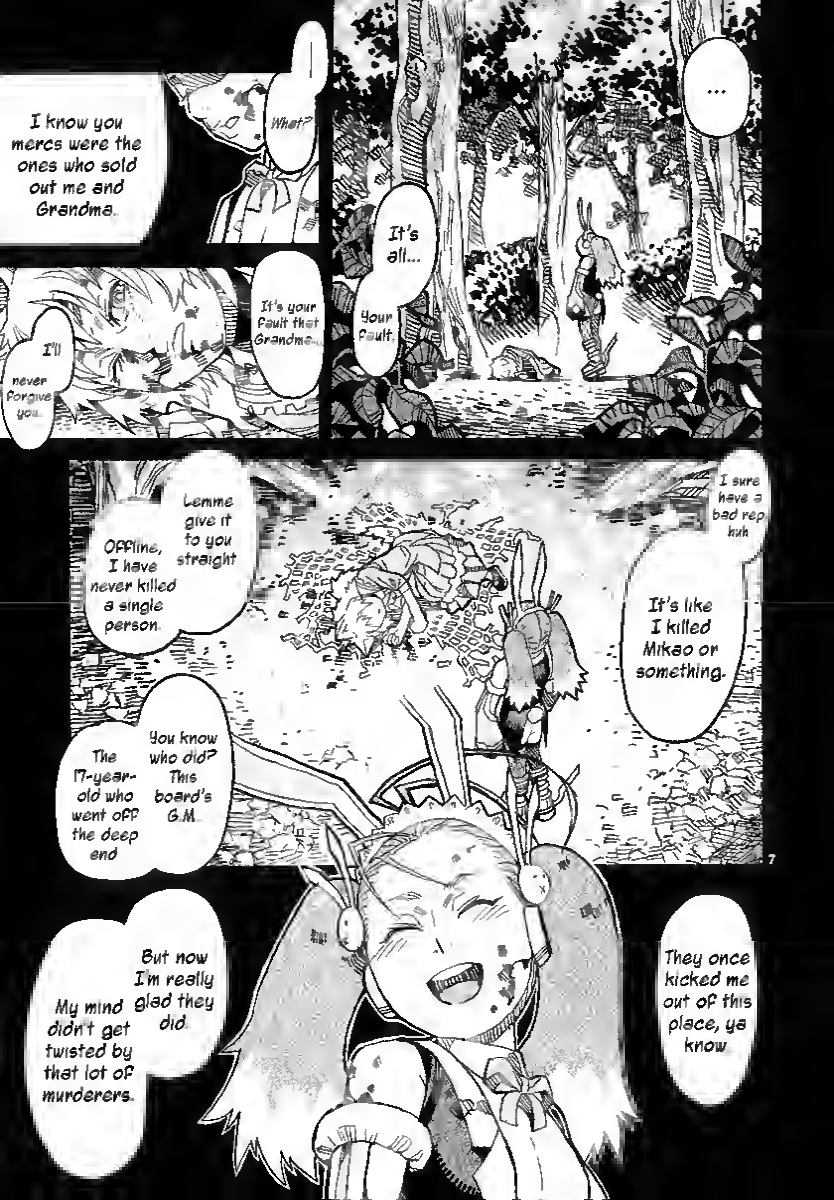
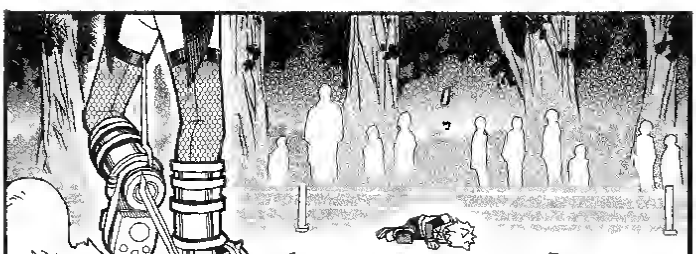
HA!
HA!


I know you mercs were the ones who sold out me and Grandma.
What?
I'll never forgive you.
It's your fault that Grandma...
It's all...
Your fault.
...
They once kicked me out of this place, ya know.
But now I'm really glad they did.
My mind didn't get twisted by that lot of murderers.
You know who did? This board's G.M.
The 17-year-old who went off the deep end
Offline, I have never killed a single person.
Lemme give it to you straight
It's like I killed Mikao or something.
I sure have a bad rep huh
7

We're inside the Zoo
Someone will probably come to your aid soon
Call for help, liddle Gaur
That homicidal cult leader stirred up such a ruckus,
but the believers just kept on going with their activities
I was surprised when the Zoo contacted me after such a long time
...
I'm gonna tear this place down
There'll be nothing left when I'm done
And for the people who believe in things like friendship and family ties—
I'll open their eyes
You know the reason
Each and every one of them here thinks you're a damn liar
They wouldn't trust you with the air in your mouth
But you won't
I wonder why?

...
What
What about Mint
Your sis...



All we can do
is pray that it ends quickly
The practice mode field stays up until their match is decided Nothing from outside will have any effect
You know you can't
You can't
Itaka
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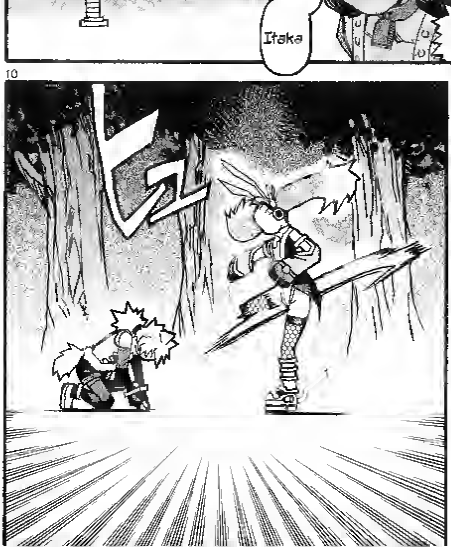

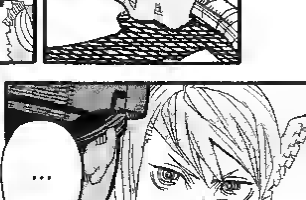
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So I can't do
a damn thing

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...
Surprised?
This is a special knife. It's got a virus.
It can destroy clothing, as you see
I know your secret, Gaur.
I heard it
From that insane G M

Stop...
it.
How about we re-live your trauma,
Hel—
p.
Gaur?
12
You know it's hopeless!
You know it all too well.
Oh?
Did you just cry for help?
They don't like liars.
I know.
Not your true father, nor your mother.
Nobody came to help you, did they?
NOBODY
You were assaulted, but nobody believed you
On the contrary, they said you were crying wolf

I'll show you despair.
Gaur.
Nobody ever believed you
Nobody is going to believe you.
...
UWAAAH
Stop...
St—
Sto—
Aaah!
Your cries are sweet music to my ears.
Go ahead and scream.
...
Hmph.

What a let-down
She cut the sense interface and got away
—Just like
a marionette with its strings cut
14
Such a let-down
Gaur
I'll finish you soon
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA—
SFX: woosh

Ииф?

...
Is it over?
I knew it was inevitable
What a sorry outcome
Miss Gaur won.
No!
Miss...
Miss Merino!
What is it?!
There's no need to cry over such a...
...
Eh?
A one-hit counter
It was splendid
トン
トン
17
Oh.
Tramp, you okay?
And are you the real one?
Overrrrr!
Fight

Gaur!
Winner,
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
Wasn't this best-of-three?
There's still two left to go.

...!?
Begin!
So we'll proceed to round two.
19
Objection!
Don't you have it wrong, Mitsuki!?
The best-of-three was about the tournament, three on three...
I joined in halfway so how would I know?
It's everyone's fault for leaving me out of the loop.
Hey!
Wait!
I'm managing the field right now
So let's get this show on the road!
Stop this at once, Mitsuki!
If you don't —
sfx: tap

It's all right.
The way it's going
The second round will end quickly
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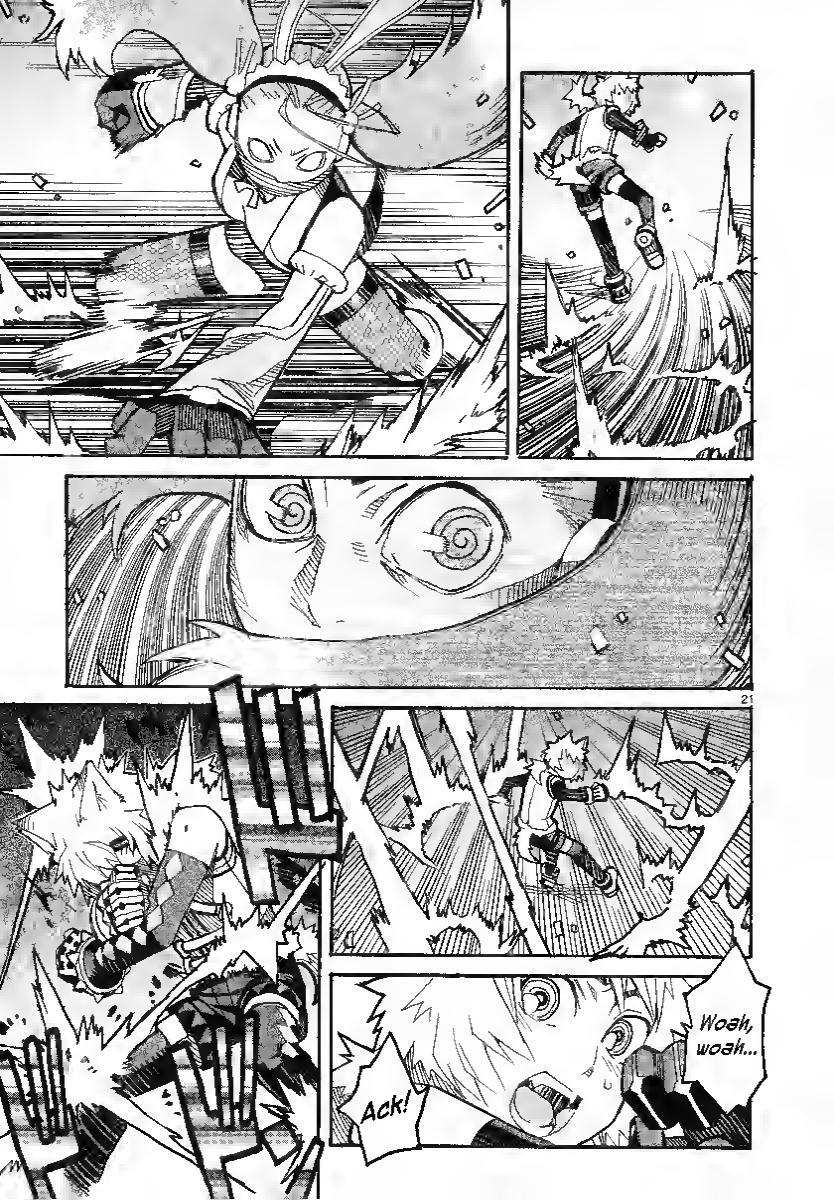
He'll go down in no time flat.
He's panicking
ドゴッ!
!?


Woah, woah...
Ack!

Ob-
serve
Chloe
During
a fight, an
overwhelming
difference
in power is
made clear
before long
And so,
resting
easy, one
gets a bit
careless
Then,
right as you
deliver the
finishing
blow
!?

Huh?
This is bad
Hm?
She didn't get him.
He reacted an instant before the counter hit, and avoided a fatal blow
I didn't expect Bunny-ears to be this good

There's no way Gaur will be able to win
If he starts taking the fight seriously

When equipped on a player's arm, another player can control it.
In this case, that'd be me
...
Huh?!
What?
Gaur.
Not in public
Switch to the private channel.
You know,
About the glove I gave you before the match
It has a special ability.
Besides this private channel
You've probably noticed.
The last two counters were...

What the hell?
Mm?
All that talk about fighting to my heart's content,
about believing in me—
All lies!
You were planning to fight for me all along!
Well
That's true enough
I don't want to hear your voice ever again!
Never never never ever!
What's wrong?
You sound choked up
Shut up, you idiot!
I hate your guts!
Now's not the time
Look out, he's coming
He's coming?
Who's coming?
25
Huh?

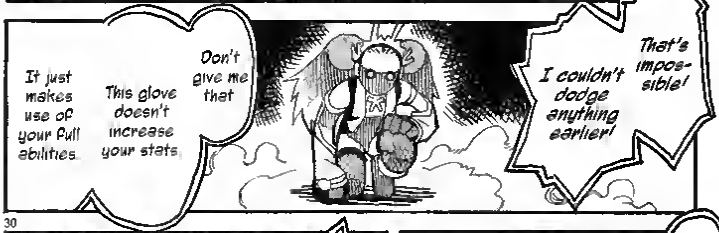
Don't move from that spot
Don't worry, you can block it with the right timing.
Woaah-
Ack!

!?
It worked
...

...
I don't know
I've never seen anything like that
How many blocks was that just now?
SMA PHA BOX

Oh?
Was that you just now?
Well, that's Pine.
Anyway, stay sharp
That wasn't enough to bring him down
His movements and reflexes are remarkably quick
It seems that
Simple traps are no good

We won't be able to beat him if we don't cooperate
Dodge him as best you can Leave the counter-attack to me
Gaur, Hear me out
Ah!
Okay


It just makes use of your full abilities
This glove doesn't increase your stats
Don't give me that
I couldn't dodge anything earlier!
That's impossible!

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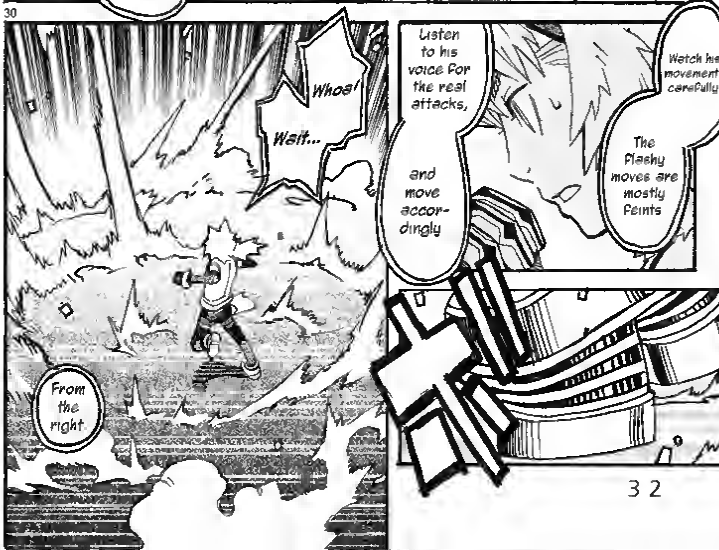
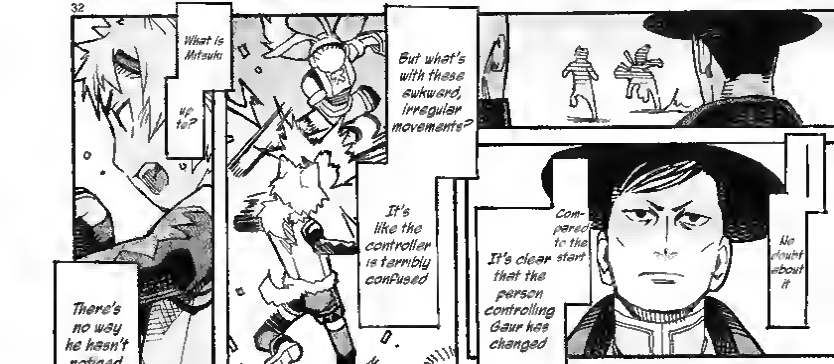

Whoa!
Wait...
From the right
Listen to his voice for the real attacks,
and move accordingly
Watch his movements carefully
The flashy moves are mostly feints

Whoopsy!
She dodged it?

Waah!
!?
Ack—
Gaaa!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What is Mitsuki up to?
There's no way he hasn't noticed
But what's with these awkward, irregular movements?
It's like the controller is terribly confused
It's clear that the person controlling Gaur has changed
Compared to the start
He doubt about it

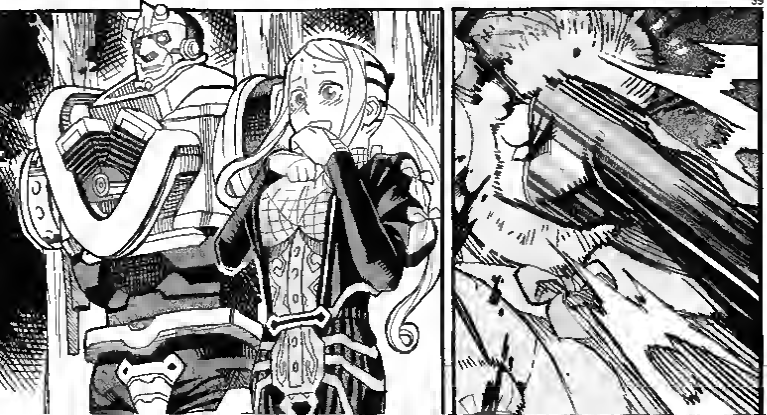
I've seen through it, Gaur
It's that right glove of yours...
!?
34
Still,
I don't think you can win against me with just that hand.
I dunno who's shoring up Gaur's clumsy moves, but fighting like this is a riot.
See?
...
See?

I'll end this with the next attack.
It was fun, but you should take a bow and go home.
Wha wha wha whadda we gonna do?!
He noticed, he totally noticed!
This is perfect
?
Perfect? Have you lost your mind?!
We'll switch tactics
I'll defend, and you attack.
35
There's no way I can match your skills! I saw them up close...
Why the hesitation?
It's totally impossible!
There's no way I can do it!
B-b-but what if I can't land that hit?
He doesn't have much strength left.
One clean hit should finish him for sure.
Then you're screwed
It's fine
He underestimates you
He'll probably be preoccupied with your right hand,
That's how we'll win this.

Are you okay with losing?
No way, never!
Then you understand that we have to fight together
Don't worry about defending
Believe in me
And I'll believe in you
Keep your eyes open and don't miss the chance to strike
I believe in your strength
That fool doesn't know a damn thing about you.
Give him a punch he won't ever forget
...
Yeah.

They probably will decide it with this
The atmosphere has changed
Oh.

...
Stuck...



...Fight
Overrrr!
Winner...
Gaur!
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